Editorial Miscellany.

Let everybody see that everybody else attends the meeting.

Good men, like fine watches, may be known by their works.

Brother Jos. W. Beer "has give" a poet. Next week we will print his piece.

Mr. Moody is now preaching in Toledo. May we not hope for him at Ashland.

We are now happy to learn that R. Z. Replogle's wife and daughter are recovering.

The first volume of Gutenberg's Bible was sold at the Earl of Gosford's sale in London, England, recently, for $2,500.

Brother McFaden is now holding a protracted meeting at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Hope the Lord will bless his labors.

Bishop Huntingdon is writing an article on "Vituperation in Politics," for the January number of the *North American Review*.

Who will loan us a thousand dollars to buy a new newspaper press with? Don't all speak at once, as we only want ONE thousand.

Governor Hoadly has decided not to fix any man's execution for a Friday, that being the day of the week on which Christ was crucified.

The excellent article on Christian Forbearance, in last week's issue, which had no authorship assigned, should have been credited to D. Bailey.

The series of meetings at the College chapel begin next Saturday evening, Dec. 13th. Brother J. D. McFaden preaches. Turn out to hear him.

In our next brother Balsbaugh will lecture an agnostic, alias a Know-nothing. He will know something before Balsbaugh gets through with him.

Let the members of the Ashland City church, including the country members, arrange to attend every meeting at the College chapel the coming week.

Missionaries have appeared in the far West in the interest of a new sect called the "New House of Israel." They claim the salvation of body, soul, and spirit.

Brother Brown has completed his fourth missionary tour to Pennsylvania, and as usual has been doing the work of an evangelist. Read his report in another column.

Brother Isaac Kilhefner preached for us at the chapel last Sunday, and remained for the prayer meeting. He seemed to enjoy himself and we enjoyed his visit and services.

One of the pleasing results of the meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Md., conducted by brother McFaden, was the baptism of his wife. This will afford our brother much encouragement.

Brother Benjamin Benshoof, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is with us at this writing, visiting his son Benj. Jr., who is attending Ashland College. It was a surprise to the Cambria county boys.

Worst's next discourse to the readers of the EVANGELIST will be entitled: "Partyism." Who but he would have thought of such a heading? But that is what it is. It must be the climate that does it.

Editor Holsinger did not get to the dedication at Louisville, but the office editor did. Strange, though true, and though not so intended we are happy that it was well as it was. Brother Mallott was on hand, and so there was all the help that was needed.

That is a beautiful and encouraging hymn furnished us this week by Mrs. Harriet Jones, and for which we are thankful. Hope she will write again. Will not some of our musicians furnish us with a suitable tune?

As we go to press a number of communications flooded in upon us, which must lie over until next week. Among the writers are Laura Grossnickle, W. A. Harmon, D. A. Lichty J. P. Wolfe, Stephen Hildebrand and W. Rader.

The total prohibition vote at the late presidential election was only about 150,000. This does, however, not show the full strength of that sentiment in the U. S. Absolved from partyism it would be many times greater.

Here it is at last. A telephone transmitter is to be placed in Dr. Talmage's Tabernacle, on the case of the key-board of the organ in front of the pulpit platform. Wires will be run to houses of members desirous of hearing the sermon without going to the church.

Brother A. L. Garber dropped into our sanctum last Friday morning. He was on his way to a mission post in Ashtabula county. He will likely stop at Bristolville on his way. His presence cheered our sanctum and we feel to say, come again, brother Garber.

J. F. Koontz, of Montevideo, West Virginia, writing under date of Dec. 1st, says: "We learn through the columns of the EVANGELIST, weekly, of the good work that is accomplished by the brethren. Brother J. H. Swihart held a meeting at our church (Mt. Olive,) and has baptized five up to this writing.

Brother U. W. Miller, of Beatrice, Nebraska, writes under date of December 3rd, as follows: Weather is most delightful; plowing, husking and shelling corn and building are the order of the day. German Baptists and old German Baptists are numerous, but the Brethren will gain ground in the near future.

The entering wedge of the industrial system into the public schools of Philadelphia, was the setting of the 7,000 little girls in attendance to learning to sew, the other day. This is in accordance with a regulation made by the Superintendent, that a certain day of the week should be set apart for this purpose hereafter.

We are pleased to notice that brother J. H. Knepper, of the Berlin church, is again actively engaged in the Master's service. Hope the brethren will nobly stand under his hands now that he has lifted them up. His services are much needed in that community and there are few who could serve that people better than Johnnie.

A clever old order brother, sending us two dollars for next year closes with: "We O. O. folks would rather have the paper half sheet for the old price." Well, yes; no doubt of it, but then you see that would not be progressive. You see we want to be growing a little. We could not get along any more with the old size.

The question of voluntary prayers has come up again at Harvard college. A number of students have taken the matter in hand and propose to make every effort to bring about the result they desire. They intend to write to all the Harvard clubs in the country, urging upon them the advisibility of making the attendance at chapel optional.

An arrangement has been made by which brother J. M. Rittgers, of the Rush creek church, preaches for the Fairview church, Ohio, at their meeting house at Fairview, once a month and at Mt. Zion twice a month. In this way the Fairview church is in part, at least, supplied with a minister. It would be better, however, if brother Rittgers could live in the Fairview church and preach a few times a month oftener.

We were made sad on hearing of the death of sister Alice Taylor, of Dayton, Ohio, which occurred at seven o'clock last Friday morning. She was a faithful and intelligent sister and felt a deep interest in the cause of the church. We visited her in the early part of the fall, and we had fears then that she would not recover. Her disease was dropsy. We are expecting a suitable memorial from brother Kiehl for next week.

Recent soundings over the bed of the Atlantic ocean prove the existence of a sunken ridge often less than 1,000 fathoms from the surface, while on either side the water has a depth of 3,500 fathoms. The elevation of the ocean's bed to a height sufficient to make it dry land would therefore bring up a range of mountains varying from 9,000 to 15,000 feet in height. The higher points of the sunken ridge now form the Azore Islands.

Only one more issue and then the present volume will be complete. We may however send out some kind of a sheet for Christmas, as we can hardly keep quiet so long. Especially if we should receive many new new subscribers. If we get 1500 subscribers by the 24th of December we will issue a paper on that day. What will you do towards securing them reader? How much? We should have two thousand by that time It's a fact.

We hope all our friends are busily at work gathering subscriptions for next year. No time should be lost. It will requred the influence and support of every one to sustain the paper at its present size and price. Don't forget that the present volume was partly sustained by donations and then did not pay expenses. If we could commence the year with two thousand subscribers we believe it could be made self supporting. Can not that number be secured?

Quite a fire occurred at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, last Friday night, in which several stores and dwellings were consumed, and it is estimated by the Commercial that sixty thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed. It is presumed to have been the work of incendiaries. We are not in favor of capital punishment, but really we do not see that the world has much use for men who would thus destroy the hard earnings of honest industry. They need conversion very much; that is sure.

A large inland sea has lately been discovered on this continent, even within a thousand miles of New York. It is regarded with doubt by geographers, but the discoverers insist upon the truth of their statement. It appears that the Geographical Society of Quebec sent out last June, an expedition with supplies for the use of an exploring party engaged in the North. The supply party returned without finding those they went to relieve, but bringing news of their new discovery. This party had started from a village on the Saquenay river, about thirty miles from Lake St. John, journeyed northward, and at a distance of about three hundred and fifty miles from Lake St. John, and four hundred and fifty miles from Quebec, the southern extremety of the great lake was reached. For seven days they voyaged on the lake and after one hundred and twenty miles of navigation the main body of it was not reached. The waters swarmed with fish, the banks were well wooded, and tracts of the adjoining land were arable. The newly found lake lies in latitude nearly corresponding to that of London and Berlin, but the climate is severe.

The horrors of the African Slave traffic were graphically depicted by Mr. H. M. Stanley, the American explorer, in the course of a recent speech. He said: "The slave trade is a great blight which clings to Africa like an aggravated pest, destroying men faster than children could be born. I overtook a party of Arab marauders on the Congo, in November of last year, over 1,200 miles from the sea. They had utterly desolated a number of villages, massacred the adult males who had not at once fled, and carried off the women and children. I never saw such a sight before. In a small camp 300 fighting men kept in manacles and fetters, 23,000 naked women and children, their poor bodies encrusted with dirt, and all emaciated and weary through much misery. It was a sight to make angels weep, cruel enough to make strong men cry 'vengeance on the murderers!' Here was the net result of the burning of 118 villages, and the devastation of 43 districts to glut the avaricious soul of a man who had constituted himself chief of a district some 200 miles higher up. Though over seventy-five years old, here he was persecuting his murderous business, having shed so much human blood in three months, that, if collected into a tank, it might have sufficed to drown him, and all his thirty wives and concubines. Those 2300 slaves would have to be transported over 200 miles in canoes, and such as could not be fed would die, and perhaps 800—perhaps 900—of all the number would ever reach their destination."

Correspondence.

From Huntingdon, Ind.

Since my last I had written on the doings of a few persons, one a prominent Elder from Covington, Ohio, together with a few that seemed ready to do his bidding, in a space of about ten days work, that was put in by the Elder in "working things up," as he calls it, but after looking at it, and seeing the facts as I had them noted, I candidly thought the best place for it was in the stove, (and in it went). But if the Elder will return and put in ten days more labor on truth, justice and mercy, a few that we might name could come nearer telling the truth, and dealing justly and showing a little mercy toward them that differ from them." The Elder called on us. We had a talk on the "binding" found in Matthew 18th. I advanced the thought that instead of using the Gospel cord, they used the flimsy opinions of men; hence it would not hold. I fear also, that in that way they loose some wheat. We talked about two hours, and parted. We were both of the same mind in one thing: he said he pitied me, and I must say I surely pitied him. He said the world was wide and brother Summers and I could go elsewhere to labor. So I did his bidding, and went to Roann. Found the brethren in good cheer, called on the Zook, Lowman and Arther families, and I must say they know how to entertain strangers. The Arther sisters, and a number of others whose names we have forgotten, furnished the music. It seems that the watters of Eelriver as well as Clear Creek are troubled.

We were near Colimer on last Sabbath, and stopped with the Switzer family. They are zealous workers; and if some one would hold a few meetings for them, there could be some good results. We are waiting for brother Mallott to come and then there will be several organization affected in the near future. "Come over and help us," seems to be the order of the day. Let us labor, watch and pray, and gather in the lambs into the fold of the blessed Master.

We expect to hold a week's meeting here soon as we can. The Methodist brethren offer us their house. The house we used to have, is too small, (that is the keyhole is too small for two keys). The Christian Brethren of North Manchester, offer us their house as soon as completed. It surely is good when brethren dwell together in unity. We had a very pleasant interview with Elder Winebrener, of the Indicator family, published at that place, believing that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, we will submit to His will, remembering the one that reviled not again. Yours in hope,

R. K. BINKLEY.

Huntington, Ind.

From J. B. Wampler,

DEAR EVANGELIST; Please say that the writer returned home from a mission of love, and ministered service at "Indian Creek," in Westmoreland county, Pa., on the second of 12th month. During the series of meetings we enjoyed a Lovefeast together; brother W. A. Harmon was called, and installed into the ministry to assist our aged and worthy brother James Bennet in the good work. May the rich blessing of God attend their labors. Two were added by baptism, one formerly a Methodist, the other a school teacher, four by relation. May God bless them all and make efficient workers of them to work in his vineyard for truly the harvest is great and laborers are few. I pray that the blessings of our good Father may rest and abide with all the "Beloved" in the *one hope*. My heartfelt thanks I extend to the brethren, sisters and kind friends who have manifested such an interest in my welfare and have so largely contributed to my wants while among you. Hope there may be a large ingathering of lambs into the fold in the near future. May we all meet in heaven.

Expect to leave home 12: 15, for Warrior's Mark congregation to commence a meeting on the evening of the 16th.

J. B. WAMPLER.

From Brother R. Z, Replogle.

I have no doubt the readers of the EVANGELIST are wondering to what extent the affliction in my family consists, that was the means of calling me away from the Berlin field of labor. It was about this; when I arrived home I found wife and eldest daughter both seriously sick of Typhoid fever; but thanks be to God, they seem to have passed through the worst, and seem at this date to be improving, so that if there is no relapse and no other providential interference, I will be ready to take the field again between this and New Year. Those who have been contemplating services from me will please notice from this, and they will have some idea as to the probability of my filling the places, and as to whether that will suit them or not. I also hereby thank the Brethren for the words of sympathy and the assurance of their prayers. Fever in general has abated, there being only two individual cases outside of my family, but what are convalescent.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

New Enterprise, Dec. 6.

Brother E. J. [illegible]

It is just now eight [illegible] bed of affliction, and [illegible] day to move a little i[illegible] of two canes. I haven't [illegible] six monts, most of the ti[illegible] reads for me. I am not ab[illegible] dress myself. Disease, inflam[illegible] atic rheumatism. Bemember [illegible] votions. Love to all. Fratern[illegible]

E. J.

547 Marshall St., Philadelphia.

Notice.

ELDER H. R. HOLSINGER & Co.: Plea[illegible] announce in your paper that I contemplate taking a trip through Nebraska and Kansas, in December and January. Any of the Brethren churches desiring my services, will please address me, until further notice, at Aurelia, Cherokee county, Iowa. Yours in Christ.

I. B. REIST.

Married.

HILL—NICHOLSON: By Elder S. H. Bashor, Sunday, November 30, 1884, at the residence of the bride's father—Elder John Nicholson, Hudson, Iowa, Mr. James D. Hill and Miss Maggie S. Nicholson.

PROCTOR—FITZWATER: At the residence of C. Meyers, by Elder John A Meyers, sister Sallie E. Fitzwater and brother Harmon Proctor, both of Iowa county, Iowa.

OTTINGER—KUNKLE—At the bride's residence, one mile south of Independence, Ohio, by Elder R. F, Mallott, Miss Arminta M. Kunkle and Mr. James M. Ottinger, both of Richland county, Ohio. May joy illuminate their path of life and shed a mellow luster on the parting hour.

SHANK—BROADHURST—By Elder J. P. Wolfe, at the residence of Elder S. Broadhurst, November 8rd. Brother Jacob Shank, of Tracy, San Joaquin county, and sister Lois Broadhurst, (daughter of Elder S. B.) of Jenny Lind, Calavaras county, Cal.

Died.

BIDDLE: November 25, 1884, at the home of brother John Wineland, his father-in-law, Mr. Jacob T. Biddle, aged 82 years, 11 months, and 22 days. Funeral sermon from Gen. 47: 8, 9, by the writer, in the Brethren's church, North Liberty, Ohio. R. F. MALLOTT,

BRENIZER: November 25th, 1884, at Falls City, Nebraska, Albert F. Brenizer, aged 18 years, 8 months and 7 days. He leaves a loving wife and many relatives to mourn his departure. He was married in Wayne county, Ohio, Nov. 25, 1883, to Ida M. Lichty, of the same place. Buried in the Pony Creek, graveyard, Brown county, Kan. Funeral discourse by the writer, Nov, 27, 1884.

JONATHAN WARNER.

BROOKS—In Allegheny Township, Somerset county, Pa., December 2nd, 1884, Miss Ellen Lucinda Brooks; aged 19 years, 4 months and 16 days. Funeral services conducted by J. H. Knepper.